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May 25, 2011

Ms. Alison Young
USA Today
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Dear Ms. Young:

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), Central File Room (CFR) received your public record request via the electronic mail on May 4, 2011, for information on the following:

Chas. Braman & Sons, PO Box 547, Plymouth, Indiana

- Any correspondence, report or notes to file relating to the department's attempt to find or inability to find a good address for this site or recommending against further action.

A search of the files within the agency has been conducted. Attached please find the document responsive to your request.

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If you have any questions or concerns please contact our office at (317) 232-8667 or IDEMFileroom@idem.in.gov.

Sincerely,

Melissa A. Farrington
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September 30, 2002

Jan Pels, HSE-5J
U.S. EPA, Region V
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Ms. Pels:

Re: Charles Braman & Sons
Plymouth, Indiana
Pre-CERCLIS Screening Report

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. EPA, investigated this site as a Pre-CERCLIS Screening to determine whether the site warrants further investigation under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA, a.k.a. Superfund). This site was included on a list of alleged lead smelting sites that had not previously been investigated. Charles Braman & Sons was listed as a facility that reclaimed lead from batteries.

Charles Braman & Sons was listed with a post office box address only; a street address was not given. IDEM staff could not determine the location of the former facility. Numerous historical industrial directories, as well as Sanborn maps, were consulted without finding any reference to the site. Thus, no sampling was conducted for the Charles Braman & Sons.

IDEM does not intend to continue to investigate Charles Braman & Sons, Plymouth, Indiana unless better location information is received. IDEM recommends that Charles Braman & Sons not be entered into CERCLIS.

Sincerely,

Billy E. Giles, Geologist
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